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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

Inventor(s) : Kazuo SOGA *et al.*  
Serial Number : 10/053,959  
Filed : January 24, 2002  
For : PIPING STRUCTURE OF CRAWLER DRIVING HYDRAULIC  
MOTOR  
Examiner : Jeffrey J. Restifo  
Group Art Unit : 3618

**PETITION FOR ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

Honorable Commissioner  
of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

November 29, 2004

Dear Sir:

Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136, applicant hereby petitions for a one-month extension of time for filing a response to the Official action mailed July 28, 2004, which set forth a three-month period for response. This Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time extends the period for response to November 28, 2004. Since November 28, 2004, was a Sunday, a response to the Official action mailed July 28, 2004, can be timely filed on the next business day, namely, Monday, November 29, 2004.

A check in the amount of \$110.00 (ONE HUNDRED TEN DOLLARS) for this one-month extension of time fee is enclosed.

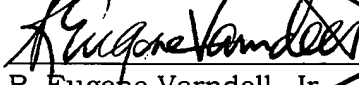
In the event that this paper or the paper(s) filed herewith is (are) not timely filed, applicant hereby petitions for an appropriate extension of time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee therefor, as well as any deficiency in the payment of the required fee(s) or credit any overpayment, to our deposit account No. 22-0256.

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